FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER (REV. 10-2003) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** 52433/809 **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 3 CFR 12929 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: 20.01.2003 01.12.2003 January 19, 2004 PCT/JP2004/000360 (20 January 2003) (1 December 2003) TITLE OF INVENTION METAL FOIL TUBE AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION APPARATUS OF SAME APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Koki INADA; Kazutoshi IWAMI; Atsuhiko IMAI; Hiroki KOBAYASHI; Yasuo TAKAHASHI; Mikio YAMANAKA; and Tohru **SAITO** Applicants herewith submit to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. 図 This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include 3. 図 items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). **4**. ☑ ✓ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. \square is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b.

has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \square is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). ✓ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. \(\overline{\pi} \) is attached hereto. b. \square has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). **7. ☑** Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a \square are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. \square have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \square have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. Thave not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. □ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 9. 図 An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT 10. □ Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. 🗹 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 12. 🗹 A preliminary amendment. 13. ☑ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 14. □ A substitute specification. 15. **□** A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 16. **□** 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. □ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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Other items or information: PCT/RO/101, published WO 2004/065032 A1, International Search Report, PCT/IB/308

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